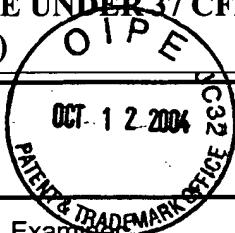


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
(Large Entity)

Docket No.
112843-031

In Re Application Of: Reniero et al.



Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
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LACTIC ACID BACTERIA STRAINS CAPABLE OF PREVENTING DIARRHOEA

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of April 6, 2004 above-identified application.

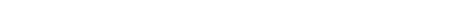
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

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from: _____	September 6, 2004		until: _____	October 6, 2004
			<i>Date</i>	<i>Date</i>

The fee for the extension of time is **\$550*** and is to be paid as follows: ***\$980.00 - \$430.00**

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-1818
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 02-1818
- Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.



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Dated: October 6, 2004

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